

THE CIA AND MISS BAEZ

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(TEXT) TYKYO--THE JAPANESE INTERPRETER FOR TOURING AMERICAN  
PACIFIST SINGER JOAN BAEZ ADMITTED TODAY THAT HE HAD BEEN  
ASKED BY THE CIA TO MAKE MISS BAEZ REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL  
REMARKS OVER THE NIPPON TELEVISION NETWORK.

HE ADMITTED THAT IN TRANSLATING MISS BAEZ' REMARKS THAT  
SHE REFUSED TO PAY TAXES BECAUSE HER MONEY WOULD BE USED TO  
FINANCE THE WAR IN VIETNAM, HE MERELY SAID THAT TAXES WERE HIGH  
IN THE UNITED STATES. NEVERTHELESS, INTERPRETER TAKASAKI SAID,  
HE COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THE EXPRESSION "I HAD BEEN ORDERED  
TO MISTRANSLATE MISS BAEZ' REMARKS." HE SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED  
MISS BAEZ BEFOREHAND THAT HE WAS ACTING AS AN ANNOUNCER, AND  
ADOPTED THE ATTITUDE OF OMITTING ALL REFERENCE TO POLITICAL MATTERS.

WHAT I HAD BEEN ASKED BY HAROLD COOPER OF CIA WAS SPECIFICALLY  
TO REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL REMARKS--"JUST ANNOUNCE THE MUSIC,"  
TAKASAKI TOLD REPORTERS.

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